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## Asthma Coalition Interim Update

July 9, 2004



### OUR COALITION IN ACTION

The American Lung Association put together a great roster of speakers for their **Third Annual High Desert Pulmonary Conference**, which was held April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Anderson Center...attendance was around 160.

**Library Readings:** Central District Health (CDH) pursued the opportunity to read Asthma stories, show children some pig's lungs, demonstrate a balloon car, and answer parent's questions about asthma on May 5, May 12, May 27, and May 28 at the Ada County, Boise and Star libraries. The focus was on pre-school children and their parents. Average attendance at each reading was around 25. Parental response was great. Parents who had children with asthma were especially pleased that we were addressing this health issue.

**Pulmonary Screenings:** Fred Meyer once again was instrumental in allowing our coalition to host the pulmonary screenings at the Federal Way store on May 11<sup>th</sup>. This event would not have been possible without the combined efforts of individuals from the American Lung Association, Central District Health, Boise Valley Asthma and Allergy Clinic, St Alphonsus, AztraZeneca and others. We also thank KBOI and Norco for their support. Around 30 individuals were screened for asthma throughout the day.



PULMONARY SCREENING - MAY 11



**Asthma Day Camp** was held July 7<sup>th</sup>. American Lung Association did a great job of organizing and recruiting help to undertake this event. Approximately 40 children attended, which doubled the attendance of last year. Teen leaders were in charge of the children's groups as they moved from station to station. Crafts, games, and educational activities created a fun filled day. We hope that some of you were in the vicinity of Municipal Park on Wednesday, and were able to stop by and see the coalition in action.

**Asthma Education Class:** July 8<sup>th</sup> CDH presented an informational class on asthma for child care providers at the Central District Health location on Armstrong Place.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

August 2-6: **Camp Super Breathers.** American Lung Association and St. Alphonsus are busy planning this weeklong event, which will take place at the Sawtooth Methodist camp, 35 miles north of Fairfield, Idaho. This camp is geared for ages 8-13 and will include camp health care and lots of fun activities such as day hikes, water sports, campfire activities, sing-a-longs, volleyball, and skits. Cost is \$200 per child for four nights and five days. Camp scholarships are available. Registration will continue until the camp is in session. Please call 345-5864 for more information.

August 17: **Coalition Meeting.** The next Coalition meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 17 in the Syringa Room at Central District Health from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m., a light lunch will be served as usual.

#### New Coalition Members Wanted:

If you know of any person(s) who would like to join our coalition to promote asthma awareness and education in our community, please have them contact Jeanie Hoover at (208) 327-8559.

### EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY:

August 11-13: **The Asthma Educator Institute** will be held in Boise on August 11-13. Five members of our coalition will be attending. Upon sitting and passing the exam, they will become certified asthma educators.

### IN THE DEVELOPMENTAL STAGE:

October 9: *October Asthma Walk*

### COALITION BUILDING

May 13: **All-Day Asthma Planning Meeting.** This event, organized by Jean Woodward, Idaho Asthma Prevention and Control Manager, Idaho Division of Health & Welfare, brought all seven Idaho asthma coalitions together to report on their community activities as well as to hear from the state asthma subcommittees. Great Team-building!

### ASTHMA EDUCATION:

Please contact Jeanie Hoover at 327-8559 with ideas for future asthma awareness events that you would like the coalition to pursue.